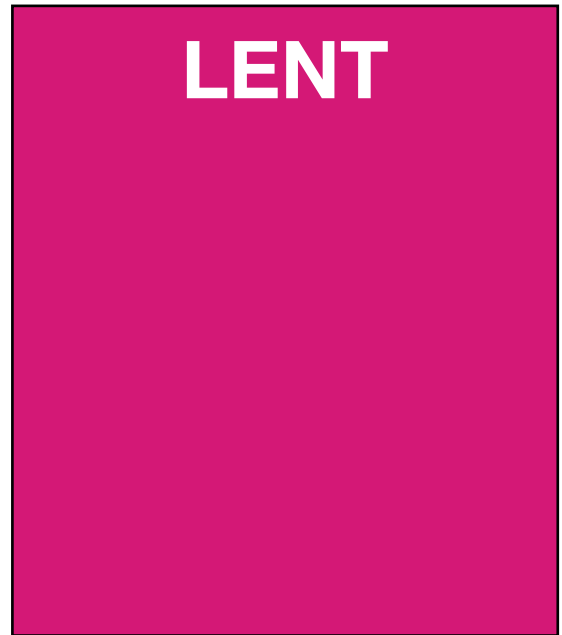


# ST LEONARD BANBURY



## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

### **Notice is hereby given**

that our Church Electoral Roll will be revised by your Parochial Church Council shortly. Please ensure your details are up to date, and confirm with Tim James (Electoral Roll Officer) that you are on our Electoral Roll.

### *Newsletter and Service Sheet*

Sunday	8th March	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> Eucharist Service @ 10.00
<b>Services for the coming week:</b>		
Wednesday	11th March	Eucharist Service @ 10.00
Saturday	14th March	Morning Prayers @ 10.00
Sunday	15th March	Eucharist Service @ 10.00

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Sunday 8th March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered  
pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Exodus 17.1–7

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, Give us water to drink. Moses said to them, Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?

4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.

5 The Lord said to Moses, Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink. Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; •  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving •  
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God •  
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth •  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, •  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down •  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God; •  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice: •  
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
- 9 When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, •  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, •  
This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, •  
They shall not enter into my rest.

## Romans 5.1–11

- 5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with  
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in  
which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory  
of God.
- 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance,  
4 and endurance produces character, and character produces  
hope,  
5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has  
been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has  
been given to us.
- 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died  
for the ungodly.
- 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though  
perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

## John 4.5–42

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

6 Jacobs well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, Give me a drink.

8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

11 The woman said to him, Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?

12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?

13 Jesus said to her, Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

15 The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

16 Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband, and come back.

17 The woman answered him, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You are right in saying, I have no husband;

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!

19 The woman said to him, Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.

21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

25 The woman said to him, I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.

26 Jesus said to her, I am he, the one who is speaking to you.  
27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, What do you want? or, Why are you speaking with her?

28 Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

29 Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?

30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, Rabbi, eat something.

32 But he said to them, I have food to eat that you do not know about.

33 So the disciples said to one another, Surely no one has brought him something to eat?

34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

35 Do you not say, Four months more, then comes the harvest? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

37 For here the saying holds true, One sows and another reaps.

38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, He told me everything I have ever done.

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.

41 And many more believed because of his word.

42 They said to the woman, It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A collection will be made during the Offertory Hymn.

If you pay tax, please complete the yellow envelope, we are then able to claim tax relief on your donation.

**You can also pay by card (contactless)**



## Sue Ayliff invites you to a **Lent Bible Study Discussion Group**

I would like to get some idea of how many people are interested in attending so that I can plan. I hope to run sessions on a Monday afternoon with a repeat on a Tuesday evenings. The exact dates and venues are still being organised. The sessions will be:

1. The Cleansing of the Temple
2. The Garden of Gethsemane
3. Easter Saturday

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church which will be available for the next 2 weeks.

**PLEASE**



**THANK YOU**

## What is Come and See?

Each Lent, The Bishop of Oxford will delve into a new aspect of Christian faith - **this year he's looking at the Eucharist - or Holy Communion**. It's perfect for new and old Christians alike, and can be done on your own, as a family, as a church, school or in a small group. Every day in Lent.

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